



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SURVEY CoNPS MONITORING NATIVE PLANTS IN THE GARDEN 2018

Name of the Specific Garden Area by Exposure/Microclimate - Recommendation:

Keep a special binder for this project. Print off one copy of the 'Cover' page. This page gets filled out just once and is sent in to CoNPS along with all pages of the survey, at the end of the season. We recommend you have dividers for your binder to separate each area of your garden that has a different microclimate. Within each divided section, have one page of the survey for each native plant species. However, you may have one page for 6 harebells in the section named "Protected NE courtyard", and then another page with 3 harebells in a different section named "Partial Shade, SE exposure by driveway"). Arrange your binder so you can go from section to section in your binder as you walk around the property without having to flip back and forth between sections.

Soil Type (before amendments added, if any):

Is your original soil base mostly clay, sand, loam, decomposed granite? Was it amended earlier with compost?

Names of Plants:

The full scientific name is preferred.

Examples of scientific names:

Species = *Populus deltoides*

Sub-Species (*ssp*) = *Populus deltoides ssp. monilifera*

Variety = *Acer glabrum var. glabrum*

You can check for spelling, etc., in the spreadsheet that is available on our website:.....

You can also refer to the Colorado Native Plant Society's fact sheet, Suggested Native Plants for Horticultural Use on the Front Range of Colorado which can be found at:

https://conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Suggested-Native-Plants_0408.pdf,

and other fact sheets relating to native plant gardening:

<https://conps.org/gardening-with-native-plants/>

Common names may be recorded on the survey, but when submitting final report to CoNPS, please include the full scientific name. If in doubt about the correct identification, please note this on your survey. You can also submit some photos to us and, if possible, we will help with the identification.

Most of the remaining questions on the survey are fairly straight forward, other than the ones listed below. However, if you have any questions at all, please contact us at conpsoffice@aol.com, or 970-663-4085.

Date of Purchase: Not critical if you don't remember – estimates are fine.

Examples: fall 2017; 10+ years ago; in garden when we moved here in 2015

Amendments used when planting, if any: Examples: garden compost; aged sheep manure; none

Mulched? If so, the type and how much: Examples: None; pea gravel 1/8"; medium bark chips, 3" deep

Fertilizer? Type (NPK), when, how much, how often: Yes/No. If yes, examples: yes – 20-10-5 – once late June; yes - bone meal – 3-15-0 – once in fall

Supplemental Irrigation – how often, how much: Irrigation amounts can be filled out each time you irrigate if amounts differ each time; or can be entered at the end of the season if irrigation amounts are the same each time. Examples: back yard border = ½ inch; front yard pond area = ¾ inch; front yard pond area = ¼”.

For help in figuring out how much irrigation you’ve applied, see Colorado State University Garden Notes #265 – Methods to Schedule Home Irrigation - <http://www.cmg.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/265.pdf>

Don’t forget to make a note about Winter watering: yes/no; if yes, enter the amount: example: **Feb – once, March – twice**. Also, please make a note of your method of irrigation (hose, automatic sprinkler system, etc.)

Photos: Have you taken any photos you’d like to submit to us? We welcome any high quality photos of successful native plant combinations, close-ups, with or without pollinators, a photo of a particular border or garden. These photos will help to encourage other gardeners to start planting native plants in their gardens.

It is very important to identify the photos that you take. When submitting photos to us, please fill out and submit with your photos, “Photograph Record Report – Monitoring Native Plants in the Garden”, which you can download from our website.

Questions or suggestions for improving the survey? Call Linda at 970-663-4085 or email conpsoffice@aol.com

Completed survey, including the cover page and every page of the survey, can be scanned and emailed before November 1 to conpsoffice@aol.com, or mail a hard copy to:

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